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Websites to Remember:

- MSL Genealogy – www.maine.gov/msl/services/genealogy/index.shtml
- Vital Records Researcher Card- www.maine.gov/dhhs/forms.shtml
- MSL Classes- www.maine.gov/msl/services/classes.shtml
- Maine Genealogical Society- www.maineroots.org

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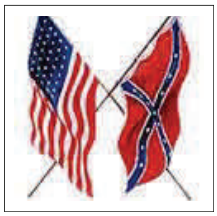
Resources for U.S. Civil War Genealogy...Your Battle Plan

Greetings, and welcome to the first issue of our newsletter for 2013! You're undoubtedly aware that we are in the middle of a nationwide multi-year recognition of the U.S. Civil War, honoring all those who served. This summer you will see a major exhibit in the building, involving the State Archives, Museum and Library. We're very excited about this collaboration, and hope you will be as well!

The State Library has a lot to offer those researching their soldiers. It's best to start with the card catalog, URSUS, of course; but, here are some highlights. Besides general encyclopedias and histories, we have sources which give names and battles, such as: *War of the Rebellion: a Compilation of the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies*, a 130-volume set published by the U.S. War Department. It's composed of 4 series, dealing with reports and correspondence, prisoners of war, Union correspondence and Confederate correspondence. It has a master index, and each volume is indexed as well. Another major source is Frederick Dyer's *Compendium of the War of the Rebellion*, which summarizes information on the armies, what they accomplished and when. The statistics are really interesting. We also have Janet Hewett's *Roster of Union Soldiers, 1861-1865*, the first 3 volumes which cover Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and Massachusetts. Speaking of Maine, do check out the *Annual Report of the Adjutant General of the State of Maine*. We have placed the volumes covering Civil War service in our Genealogy section, so you may check your ancestor's dates of service, and even see if he is mentioned in any of the reports. Other Maine titles include *Maine in the War for the Union*... by William E.S. Whitman; *Mainers in the Civil War* by Harry Gratwick, and Lynda Sudlow's *A Vast Army of Women: Maine's Uncounted Forces in the American Civil War.* These are just a few examples of the many memoires, diaries, biographies and regimental histories that you can peruse from our collection!. And if there's something you can't find, just ask...we're happy to help! Before I end, we do offer access to the American Civil War Databases, produced by Alexander Street Press. You are welcome to use it here in the library for details on soldiers, battles and regiments, or at home, if you are a registered patron of ours. Details are at the Reference Desk!



Take Our Genealogy Class Survey!

What genealogy classes can we offer you?

With the new year comes new ideas and wishes; so, we'd like to know what you'd like to learn about. Could it be the Census, military records, immigration, Canadian genealogy, death records, or perhaps HeritageQuest?

We don't have to stop there, either. There's ample room on the form to write in a topic. So, stop at the Reference Desk, fill out the page and drop it in the handy box provided. Every idea will be seriously considered, honest!